REGULAR SESSION
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018 (6:00 PM)

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Meeting Room of the Charles Kent Administration Building. Members of the Commission present were: Chairman Grady Thompson and Vice Chairperson Stan Stalnaker and Commissioners Robert Setters, Greg Wood, Donnie Hester, Fred "Buck" Rigdon and Melissa Hughes.

Recreation Director Craig Sowell offered an invocation and Chairman Grady Thompson led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to approve the following minutes: (1) Workshop Session – June 5, 2018; (2) Regular Session – June 11, 2018; (3) Budget Workshop – June 18, 2018; (4) Called Session – June 18, 2018; (5) Executive Session – June 18, 2018; (6) Called Workshop – June 18, 2018; (7) Public Hearing Budget FY19 – June 20, 2018; (8) Called Session – June 28, 2018; and (9) Executive Session – June 28, 2018. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. The motion carried 6-0.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

A. Resolution No. 2018-11, Adoption of Millage Rate – Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to add this as Item H on the Regular Agenda items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Bid Award for EB Hamilton Road Project – Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to add this as Item I on the Regular Agenda items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Pete Pyrzenski was present to provide information to the Board of Commissioners regarding sewer rate increases. Mr. Pyrzenski stated that the 2014 sewer bonds require that net revenues must be equal to 110% of the amount paid into the sinking fund. Debt service is currently $358,195 and 110% of that is $394,000. With a 5% sewer rate increase, this would give the fund the recommended contingency and debt service maintenance for sewer for a total of $458,195.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sheriff Gene Scarborough thanked the Board for all they have done for the Sheriff’s Department. The Sheriff also told about his recent trip to Israel.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion to Approve Lease Agreement with John Deere Financial for Purchase of a Backhoe for the Road Department Contingent upon the County Attorney’s Review of the Lease
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B. Motion to Approve the FY19 LMIG Recommendation of Ferry Lake Road from Highway 319 to the County Line

D. Motion to Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Lose Design for a Facility Master Plan for the Recreation Department Contingent upon the County Attorney’s Review of the Agreement

Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read by the County Manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 6-0.

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C. Cancelling of 2017 Tax Bill for Southern Regional Technical College: County Attorney Anthony Rowell asked that this item be tabled so that he can do research on it. Commissioner Melissa Hughes made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Garbage Price Increase from Golden Environmental: Richard Golden, Owner of Golden Environmental, was present to speak on the requested price increase. Mr. Golden first asked that the Commission repair the roads at the landfill so that his trucks do not have to be pulled in. This is causing a 1 hour to 1.5 hour delays in dumping and causing damages to his trucks. He is having to send his trucks to Cook and Atkinson Counties for dumping. He has no problems at these landfills. Also, the recyclables need to be addressed. He is paying $39/ton in Tallahassee for these recyclables. When the contract started, he was getting paid $10/ton to dump in Tallahassee. He also asked that the contract be amended to make it an exclusive contract. With some many issues raised, Commissioner Donnie Hester made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Robert Setters. Motion carried 6-0.

F. Alcoholic Beverage Application Submitted by Michael J. Eld for Chula General Store Located at 3336 US Highway 41: County Clerk Miriam Jordan stated the Sheriff and staff do not recommend approval based on criminal history. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to deny the application. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Discussion of Employment Contract for County Manager (Tabled from 06.28.18 Meeting): Item to be considered after Executive Session.

H. Resolution No. 2018-11, Adoption of Millage Rate: Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2018-11 adopting the millage rate. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

I. Bid Award for EB Hamilton Road Project: Public Works Director Jason Jordan stated that Hatcher Equipment was the low bidder for the EB Hamilton Project. The project will four lane the road from Carpenter Road to the recreation complex and install curb, gutter and storm
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drain. Commissioner Greg Wood made a motion to award the bid to Hatcher Tractor. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNTY MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

There were none to report.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Melissa Hughes thanked all the citizens for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Donnie Hester thanked everyone for coming.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Greg Wood. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to reconvene the Regular Session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

G. Discussion of Employment Contract for County Manager (Tabled from 06.28.18 Meeting): Commissioner Robert Setters made a motion to approve a three year contract for the County Manager. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stan Stalnaker. Motion carried 4-2; Ayes were Commissioners Setters, Wood, Hester and Stalnaker, Nays were Commissioners Rigdon and Hughes.

ADJOURN: There being no further discussion, Commissioner Stan Stalnaker made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Melissa Hughes. Motion carried 6-0.

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Vice Chairman Stan Stalnaker, District 4
Commissioner Fred “Buck” Rigdon, District 5
Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Absent

ATTEST: William B. Jordan
August 13, 2018